CURIOUS FRENCH COINS. They Are Rure, and Therefore Interest-

tog and Valuable utiats or soin-collectors have interesting objects of search in two coins which belong to the transition period between the French republic and the second empire. One of these is an extremely rare coin which was struck off just the moment of the assumption of the rains of empire by Napoleon III. Only the dio for the obverse or head of a new imperial coin had been completed, and by some accident, or possi-bly by mischlevous design, a coin was struck off which bore the head of "Napoleon III., Emperor," on one side, and French Republic" on the other.

This contradictory coin is of interest to others than numismatists for it symbolizes in a striking way the many den changes which have taken place in French politics in the past century. With the other coin a singular story is connected. While Louis Nupoleon

was "prince-president," and just be-fere he made himself emperor, a decree was issued ordering a five-franc sliver piece to be coined bearing his image. The dies were made, and one coin was struck off as a sample and sent to the prince-president for approval. But some time passed before he examined it. When at last he gave it his attention he was annoyed to find that he had been represented on the coin with a "love lock," or hooked lock of hair on the temple, which he did actually wear at that period, but which he thought unsuitable to so dignified and permanent a representation of himself as an effigy

The prince-president sent for the di-rector of the mint, and ordered him to remove the "love-lock." Then he found that his silence with regard to the piece had been taken for approval, and that the stamping of the coins had com-

The work was stopped, says the Youth's Companion, and the image was deprived of its undignified lock; but the twenty-three coins that had already been struck off were not destroyed, and are now regarded as of great value.

DO AS A TRAMP DOES. Stick to Your Immediate Object and Suc-

t successful business man was asked by a Cincinnati Enquirer man the other day the secret of his success. "Well," said he, "it is all due to some good adwice given to me by an old man when I was a boy. I got out of a job one time and went to my old friend for sympathy and advice. He drew his chair up to mine, and, taking one of my hands loosely in his own, said: 'My boy, never be discouraged. Have some confidence in your own ability to tussle with the world. Be independent. You must be like a tramp that is in New York and ants to get to Chicago. After a good all of trouble he gets on to a freight sin, near the engine, maybe. He seen't ride far before he is seen and doesn't ride far before he is seen and put off. Does the tramp give up? No; he simply gets on in the middle of the train, and if put off again goes farther back until at last he is put off the caboose. Then what does he do? Why, he simply waits for another train and tries it over. Now, if you have little troubles, just bide your time and crawl back into favor. If your employer should discharge you, that is no evidence that you have no ability or that you cannot succeed. It may be the best you cannot succeed. It may be the best thing in the world for you. Why, some of the most noted novels and famous songs were refused by many smart pubers until at last some one saw their th and brought them out. Never be next train and you will get there all right some time."

THE FIRST LUCIFER MATCH. gish Member of Parliament Tells of His Discovery.

It is not generally known that it is to Isaac Holden, M. P., that we owe the Invention of the lucifer match. This discovery was, he himself has told a writer in the Pall Mall Budget, the resuit of a happy thought. "In the morn-ing I used to get up at 4 o'clock in order to pursue my studies, and I used at that time the flint and the steel, in the use of which I found very great inconven-ience. Of course I knew, as other chemists did, the explosive material that was necessary in order to produce instantaneous light; but it was very dif-ficult to obtain a light on wood by that explosive material, and the idea occurred to me to put sulphur under the explosive mixture. I did that, and showed it in my next lecture on chemlatry, a course of which I was delivering at a large academy. There was," added Mr. Holden, "a young man in the room whose father was a chemist in den, and he immediately wrote to his father about it, and shortly afterward lucifor matches were issued to the world. I believe that was the first occasion that we had the present lucifer match. I was urged to go and take out a patent immediately, but I thought it was so small a matter and it cost me so little labor that I did not think it proper to go and get a patent; otherwise I have no doubt it would have been very profit-

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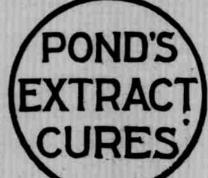
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